

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1-17. (Canceled).

18. (Previously Presented) A method for delivering a message to a user with an electronic account, comprising the steps of:

receiving the message directed to the user with the electronic account, where the message includes an electronic address associated with the user's electronic account and a non-standardized physical address of the user, and wherein the non-standardized physical address includes a physical street address, a city name, a state name, and a 5-digit ZIP code;

determining a standardized physical address of the user from the electronic address using an address database; and

delivering the message to the user, wherein the standardized physical address includes a 9-digit ZIP Code.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18, further comprising the step of:
delivering the message to the user at the electronic address.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, further comprising the step of:
delivering the message to the user at the standardized physical address.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, further comprising the step of:
informing a sender of the standardized physical address.

22. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein the address database is a United
States Postal Service address database.

23 - 49. (Canceled).

50. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented system for delivering a
message to a user with an electronic account, comprising:

a computer comprising:

a receiving component configured to receive the message
directed to the user with the electronic account, where
the message includes an electronic address
associated with the user's electronic account and a
non-standardized physical address of the user, and
wherein the non-standardized physical address
includes a physical street address, a city name, a
state name, and a 5-digit ZIP code;

a determining component configured to determine a
standardized physical address of the user from the
electronic address using an address database; and

a message delivering component configured to deliver the
message to the user, wherein the standardized
physical address includes a 9-digit ZIP Code.

51. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 50, wherein the computer further ~~comprising~~ comprises:

an electronic address delivering component configured to deliver the message to the user at the electronic address.

52. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 50, wherein the computer further ~~comprising~~ comprises:

a physical address delivering component configured to deliver the message to the user at the standardized physical address.

53. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 50, wherein the computer further ~~comprising~~ comprises:

an informing component configured to inform the sender of the standardized physical address.

54. (Original) The system of claim 50, wherein the address database is a United States Postal Service address database.

55-68. (Canceled).

69. (Currently Amended) A computer usable storage medium having computer readable code embodied therein for delivering a message to a user with an electronic account, the computer readable code comprising:

a receiving module configured to receive the message directed to the user with the electronic account, where the message includes an electronic address associated with the user's electronic account and a non-standardized physical address of the user, and wherein

the non-standardized physical address includes a physical street address, a city name, a state name, and a 5-digit ZIP code;

a determining module configured to determine a standardized physical address of the user from the electronic address using an address database; and

a message delivering module configured to deliver the message to the user, wherein the standardized physical address includes a 9-digit ZIP Code.

70-75. (Canceled).

76. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented system for delivering a message to a user with an electronic account, comprising:

a computer for executing instructions, the instructions comprising:

means for receiving the message directed to the user with the electronic account, where the message includes an electronic address associated with the user's electronic account and a non-standardized physical address of the user, and wherein the non-standardized physical address includes a physical street address, a city name, a state name, and a 5-digit ZIP code;

means for determining a standardized physical address of the user from the electronic address using an address database; and

means for delivering the message to the user, wherein the standardized physical address includes a 9-digit ZIP Code.

77 - 78. (Canceled)

79. (Previously Presented) A method for delivering a message to a user with an

electronic account, comprising the steps of:

receiving the message directed to the user with the electronic account,
where the message includes an electronic address associated with
the user's electronic account and a non-standardized physical
address of the user, and wherein the non-standardized physical
address includes a physical street address, a city name, a state
name, and a 5-digit ZIP code;

determining a delivery point identification key using the electronic address,
wherein the delivery point identification key points to a location in
an address database, the location associated with a standardized
physical address of the user; and

delivering the message to the user at the standardized physical address,
the delivering based on the delivery point identification key, wherein
the non-standardized physical address includes a 5-digit ZIP Code
and the standardized physical address includes a 9-digit ZIP Code.

80 - 85. (Cancelled)

86. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented system for delivering a
message to a user with an electronic account, comprising:

a computer comprising:

a receiving component configured to receive the message
directed to the user with the electronic account, where
the message includes an electronic address

associated with the user's electronic account and a non-standardized physical address of the user, and wherein the non-standardized physical address includes a physical street address, a city name, a state name, and a 5-digit ZIP code; and

a determining component configured to determine a delivery point identification key using the electronic address, wherein the delivery point identification key points to a location in an address database, the location associated with a standardized physical address of the user; and

a delivering component configured to deliver the message to the user at the standardized physical address, wherein the standardized physical address includes a 9-digit ZIP Code.

87 - 91. (Cancelled)